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Public Law 790
S. 3032

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INDEX AND SUMMARY OF S. 3032

Jan. 24, 1956	Sen. Duff, and others, introduced S. 3032 which was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Print of bill.
June 6, 1956	Committee voted to report S. 3032.
June 7, 1956	Senate committee reported S. 3032 with amendments. Senate Report No. 2159. Print of bill and report.
June 11, 1956	Senate passed S. 3032 as reported.
June 13, 1956	S. 3032 was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
June 21, 1956	House committee ordered S. 3032 reported.
June 28, 1956	House committee reported S. 3032 without amendment. House Report No. 2517. Print of bill and report.
July 16, 1956	House passed S. 3032 without amendment.
July 25, 1956	Approved: Public Law 790, 84th Cong.

DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 790

FOREST FIRE COMPACT. Approves the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact. The Compact would provide for individual State fire plans and an integrated regional fire plan. The Compact authorizes its administrator to request the Forest Service to act as the research and coordinating agency of the Compact.

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A BILL

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84TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3032

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Mr. DUFF (for himself, Mr. MARTIN of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROBERTSON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. CASE of New Jersey, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. BUTLER, Mr. BEALL, and Mr. KILGORE) introduced the following bill: which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given
4 to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection
5 Compact, as hereinafter set out. Such compact reads as
6 follows:

1 “MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE
2 PROTECTION COMPACT

3 "ARTICLE I

4 “The purpose of this compact is to promote effective
5 prevention and control of forest fires in the Middle Atlantic
6 region of the United States by the development of inte-
7 grated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate
8 forest fire fighting services by the member states, by pro-
9 viding for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the
10 compacting states of the region and with states which are
11 party to other Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts
12 or agreements, and for more adequate forest protection.

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17 *vania, Virginia, and West Virginia, which are contiguous*
18 *have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any*
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20 *any member state may become a party to this compact,*
21 *subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member*
22 *states.*

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24 “In each state, the state forester or officer holding the
25 equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control

1 shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall
2 consult with like officials of the other member states and
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8 this compact.

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10 legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry
11 or forest products industries representatives which shall
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16 operation, or if said commission cannot constitutionally
17 designate the said members, they shall be designated in
18 accordance with laws of that state; and the Governor of each
19 member state shall appoint two representatives, one of whom
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21 to comprise the membership of the advisory committee.
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23 and each state shall be entitled to one vote.

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10 member state requests aid from the state forest fire control
11 agency of any other member state in combating, controlling
12 or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the state
13 forest fire control agency of that state to render all possible
14 aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the
15 maintenance of protection at home.

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17 “Whenever the forces of any member state are render-
18 ing outside aid pursuant to the request of another member
19 state under this compact, the employees of such state shall,
20 under the direction of the officers of the state to which they
21 are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power
22 of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as com-
23 parable employees of the state to which they are rendering
24 aid.

25 “No member state or its officers or employees rendering

1 outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on
2 account of any act or omission on the part of such forces
3 while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance, or
4 use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith;
5 Provided, that nothing herein shall be construed as relieving
6 any person from liability for his own negligent act or omis-
7 sion, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omis-
8 sion upon any state.

9 “All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter,
10 that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state
11 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a
12 third state on account of or in connection with a request for
13 aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

14 “Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to
15 this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state receiv-
16 ing such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred
17 in the operation of any equipment answering a request for
18 aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages,
19 salaries, and subsistence of employees and maintenance
20 of equipment incurred in connection with such request:
21 Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any
22 assisting member state from assuming such loss, damage,
23 expense, or other cost or from loaning such equipment or
24 from donating such service to the receiving member state
25 without charge or cost.

1 “Each member state shall provide for the payment of
2 compensation and death benefits to injured employees and
3 the representatives of deceased employees in case employees
4 sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid
5 pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the
6 same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within
7 such state.

8 “For the purposes of this compact the term employee
9 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included
10 within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under
11 the laws thereof.

12 “The compact administrators shall formulate procedures
13 for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this
14 article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

15 “ARTICLE VI

16 “Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to
17 affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit cur-
18 tailment or diminution of the forest fire fighting forces,
19 equipment, services or facilities of any member state.

20 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit
21 or restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to
22 provide for the prevention, control and extinguishment of
23 forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of
24 state laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such pre-
25 vention, control and extinguishment in such state.

1 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any
2 existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement
3 between any federal agency and a member state or states.

4 “ARTICLE VII

5 “The compact administrators may request the United
6 States Forest Service to act as a research and coordinating
7 agency of the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Pro-
8 tection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies
9 in each state, and the United States Forest Service may
10 accept responsibility for preparing and presenting to the
11 compact administrators its recommendations with respect to
12 the regional fire plan. Representatives of any federal agency
13 engaged in forest fire prevention and control may attend
14 meetings of the compact administrators.

15 “ARTICLE VIII

16 “The provisions of Articles IV and V of this compact
17 which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling or
18 preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any
19 state party to this compact and any other state which is
20 party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another
21 region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other state
22 shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of
23 this compact.

1 "ARTICLE IX

2 "This compact shall continue in force and remain bind-
3 ing on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the
4 Governor of such state, as the laws of such state shall
5 provide, takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action
6 shall not be effective until six months after notice thereof
7 has been sent by the chief executive of the state desiring
8 to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then parties
9 to the compact."

10 SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact,
11 the consent of Congress is given to any State to become
12 a party to it in accordance with its terms.

13 SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act
14 is expressly reserved.

A BILL

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By Mr. DUFF, Mr. MARTIN of Pennsylvania,
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OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate confirmed nomination of Seaton as Interior Secretary. Senate passed independent offices and general government matters appropriation bills. Senate committees reported bills to extend emergency farm-loan law, merge intermediate credit banks and poc's, and continue export control. Senate committee voted to report bills to repeal authority of FFMC to issue bonds, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, approve an interstate forest fire compact, authorize land purchase in Cache Forest, require census data by economic class of farm, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, extend date for tobacco quota, authorize land exchanges with Defense Dept., eliminate requirement for quarantine notice, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Senate committee approved procedures to select site of animal disease laboratory, also 5 watershed reports. Senate passed rural libraries bill. House debated mutual security bill. Sen. Carlson suggested location of animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. Sen. (continued on page 5)

SENATE

1. NOMINATION of Frederick A. Seaton, to be Secretary of the Interior, was confirmed. p. 8632
2. GENERAL GOVERNMENT MATTERS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed as reported this bill, H. R. 9536. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653
3. INDEPENDENT OFFICES APPROPRIATION BILL, 1957. Passed with amendments this bill, H. R. 9739. Senate conferees were appointed. p. 8653
Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Young to increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the amount for a survey of records management activities (p. 8659). Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Humphrey to strike out the prohibition against FTC statistical analyses of the consumer's dollar (p. 8661). Sen. Humphrey commended the work of the National Science Foundation (p. 8661).
4. FARM LOANS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment

S. 3559, to amend the act of Aug. 31, 1954, so as to extend the availability of emergency credit to farmers and stockmen (S. Rept. 2144). p. 8634

This Committee also reported with amendments H. R. 10285, to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, and to provide for supervision of production credit associations (S. Rept. 2145). p. 8634

This Committee also voted to report S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds. p. D576

5. EXPORT CONTROL. The Banking and Currency Committee reported with amendments H. R. 9052, to continue the Export Control Act for an additional 2 years (S. Rept. 2147). p. 8634

6. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE voted to report the following bills: S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to feed CCC grain to waterfowl; S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact; S. 3132, providing for purchase of lands in the Cache National Forest; S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm; S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act; S. 3261, to extend from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 the date by which the national marketing quota for certain types of tobacco must be announced; S. 2572, authorizing exchange of forest lands, etc., with the Defense Department; S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center; S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement that the Secretary of Agriculture notify officials of carriers of livestock of the existence of a contagion quarantine; S. 3120, to continue Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; S. 3314, authorizing payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; and S. 3344, authorizing conveyance to Alaska of certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site. The committee also approved (1) procedures outlined by USDA to set up an advisory committee to select a site for additional animal research facilities at a location other than Beltsville, and (2) the following 5 watershed projects: Little Wewoka-Graves Creek, Okla.; Big Wewoka, Okla.; Cummins Creek, Tex.; Upper Brushy Creek, Tex.; and Lower Brushy Creek, Tex. p. D576

7. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 3681, to increase to \$5,000 the total amount a person may earn when holding more than one Federal job, without coming under the restriction of the dual compensation law (S. Rept. 2143). p. 8634

8. ANIMAL RESEARCH. Sen. Carlson suggested location of the animal disease laboratory at Manhattan, Kans. p. 8639

9. WHEAT. Sen. Carlson discussed the results of a survey by the Uhlmann Grain Co. regarding the 2-price wheat plan. p. 8639

10. POULTRY INSPECTION. Sen. Morse spoke in favor of legislation to require poultry inspection. p. 8642

11. TRANSPORTATION. Sen. Morse recommended that ICC hold a hearing on the freight-car shortage. p. 8670

Sen. Humphrey requested ICC to do what it can to alleviate the box-car shortage. p. 8677

12. FOREIGN AID. Sen. Humphrey inserted an article by Max Millikan and Walter Rostow recommending revamping of the foreign aid program. p. 8674

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HIGHLIGHTS: House debated foreign aid bill. House concurred in Senate amendments to general Government matters appropriation bill. Ready for President. House Committee submitted report on REA and Interior power policies. Senate committee reported bills to authorize USDA land exchanges with Defense, continue ACP, pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee, authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl, amend penal provision of CCC Charter Act, repeal FFMC authority to issue bonds, approve inter state forest fire compact, eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine, require census data on class of farm, change date for proclaiming tobacco quota. Senate received nomination of Hamil to REA. Senate committee ordered reported bills to improve budgeting and accounting methods and procedures and to facilitate payment of obligations.

HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Continued debate on H. R. 11356, the mutual security authorization bill. p. 8810
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Concurred in the Senate amendments to H. R. 9536, the general Government matters appropriation bill for 1957. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8810
House conferees were appointed on H. R. 10003, the D. C. appropriation bill for 1957. p. 8854 (Senate conferees were appointed June 5.)
3. FOREIGN TRADE. Both Houses received from the President a report on actions under the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act (H. Doc. 421); to House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee. pp. 8755, 8856
Rep. Byrd spoke in opposition to the Organization for Trade Cooperation. p. 8857
4. ELECTRIFICATION. The Government Operations Committee submitted a report on the

effect of Interior Department and REA policies on public-power preferred customers (H. Rept. 2279). p. 8862

5. WATER POLLUTION; POSTAL RATES. The Rules Committee reported resolutions for consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates, and H. R. 9540, to extend the Water Pollution Control Act. p. 8857
6. PUBLIC LANDS. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 5712, to provide that the U. S. hold in trust for the Pueblos of Zia and Jemez a part of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant and a small area of public domain adjacent thereto (H. Rept. 2281). p. 8862

SENATE

7. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Committee reported the following bills: (p. 8757)
 - S. 2572, to authorize the interchange of lands between USDA and the Defense Department; without amendment (S. Rept. 2152).
 - S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center (S. Rept. 2155); without amendment.
 - S. 3120, to continue for 2 additional years Federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program; without amendment (S. Rept. 2154).
 - S. 3314, to authorize payment of expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation; without amendment (S. Rept. 2153).
 - S. 2732, to authorize the Interior Department to obtain CCC grain for feeding to waterfowl to prevent depredations; with amendment (S. Rept. 2156).
 - S. 3669, to amend the penal provision of the CCC Charter Act (S. Rept. 2157); with amendment.
 - S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds; with amendments (S. Rept. 2158).
 - S. 3032, approving the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact; with amendments (S. Rept. 2159).
 - S. 3046, to eliminate the requirement for certain notices of animal quarantine; with amendments (S. Rept. 2160).
 - S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm (S. Rept. 2161); with amendments.
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 - S. 3344, to authorize USDA to convey to Alaska certain lands in Sitka known as Baranof Castle site; without amendment (S. Rept. 2150).
8. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Committee ordered reported H. R. 7227, to provide for donation of surplus property for civil defense purposes; H. R. 7855, extending temporary authority of GSA to dispose of surplus property by negotiation to July 31, 1958; S. 3362, to simplify accounting and facilitate the payment of obligations; S. 3897, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures; H. R. 10417, to amend the Federal Register Act regarding public proclamations in a period following an attack upon the U. S.; S. 3843, to adjust the application of Sec. 322 of the Economy Act of 1932 to premises lease for Government purposes. p. D587
9. WATER DEVELOPMENT. Sen. Watkins inserted and commended an address by Reclamation Commissioner Dexheimer on the future of multiple-purpose river development. p. 8803
10. NOMINATION. Sen. Watkins commended the nomination of Fred A. Seaton to be Secretary of the Interior and inserted newspaper editorials on this subject. p. 8806

CONSENT TO MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST-FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3032]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3032) granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic interstate forest-fire protection compact, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass with amendments.

This bill grants the consent of Congress to a compact for cooperation in preventing and suppressing forest fires among Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The committee amendments would make necessary changes so as to set out correctly the compact, as it has been approved by Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey; and would strike out section 2 of the bill. Section 2 would have provided advance consent to any State to become a party to the compact and is not needed since the compact does not provide for States additional to the six named States' becoming parties to the compact. The compact is more fully described in the attached letter from the Department of Agriculture, except that, as corrected, it does not provide for the advisory commission referred to therein.

DEPARTMENTAL VIEWS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., May 1, 1956.

HON. ALLEN J. ELLENDER,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR ELLENDER: This is in reply to your request of January 25 for a report on S. 3032, a bill granting the consent and approval

of Congress to the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact.

We favor enactment of S. 3032 if amended so that it is identical with H. R. 9567, a similar bill introduced by Congressman Thompson which has been ratified by three member States—Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

This bill would grant approval of Congress to a compact by certain Middle Atlantic States to obtain cooperation in preventing and suppressing forest fires. It would provide for individual State fire plans and an integrated regional fire plan. Compact administrators, one from each State, would guide the compact with the assistance of an advisory committee representing legislators, forestry commissions, and forest industry. A State requesting aid would be required to assume costs for States rendering aid. The bill would provide that the compact shall not affect any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between any Federal agency and a member State or States.

The interstate compact proposed in S. 3032 would be helpful in attaining greater protection against the losses from forest fires in the member States and would not obligate the Department unless it accepted responsibilities under article VII. That article states that the compact administrators may request the Forest Service to act as a research and coordinating agency of the compact and authorizes the Forest Service to present to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. This Department could accept the research and coordinating responsibilities under existing authority and without additional direct Federal expenditures.

The differences between H. R. 9567 and S. 3032 are not of significance to this Department. However, enactment of S. 3032 unless amended so that it contains the same language as H. R. 9567 would require reconsideration by the three States which have ratified H. R. 9567.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Acting Secretary.

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84TH CONGRESS
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[Report No. 2159]

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Reported by Mr. ELLENDER, with amendments

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11 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a
12 third state on account of or in connection with a request for
13 aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

14 "Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to
15 this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state receiv-
16 ing such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred
17 in the operation of any equipment answering a request for
18 aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages,
19 salaries, and subsistence of employees and maintenance
20 of equipment incurred in connection with such request:
21 Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any
22 assisting member state from assuming such loss, damage,
23 expense, or other cost or from loaning such equipment or
24 from donating such service to the receiving member state
25 without charge or cost.

1 “Each member state shall provide for the payment of
2 compensation and death benefits to injured employees and
3 the representatives of deceased employees in case employees
4 sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid
5 pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the
6 same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within
7 such state.

8 “For the purposes of this compact the term employee
9 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included
10 within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under
11 the laws thereof.

12 “The compact administrators shall formulate procedures
13 for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this
14 article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

15 “ARTICLE VI

16 “Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to
17 affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit cur-
18 tailment or diminution of the forest fire fighting forces,
19 equipment, services or facilities of any member state.

20 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit
21 or restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to
22 provide for the prevention, control and extinguishment of
23 forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of
24 state laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such pre-
25 vention, control and extinguishment in such state.

1 "Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any
2 existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement
3 between any federal agency and a member state or states.

4 "ARTICLE VII

5 "The compact administrators may request the United
6 States Forest Service to act as a research and coordinating
7 agency of the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Pro-
8 tection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies
9 in each state; and the United States Forest Service may
10 accept responsibility for preparing and presenting to the
11 compact administrators its recommendations with respect to
12 the regional fire plan. Representatives of any federal agency
13 engaged in forest fire prevention and control may attend
14 meetings of the compact administrators.

15 "ARTICLE VII

16 "The provisions of Articles IV and V of this compact
17 which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling or
18 preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any
19 state party to this compact and any other state which is
20 party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another
21 region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other state
22 shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of
23 this compact.

24 "ARTICLE IX

25 "This compact shall continue in force and remain bind-

1 ing on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the
 2 Governor of such state, as the laws of such state shall
 3 provide, takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action
 4 shall not be effective until six months after notice thereof
 5 has been sent by the chief executive of the state desiring
 6 to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then parties
 7 to the compact."

8 "MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE

9 PROTECTION COMPACT

10 "ARTICLE I

11 "The purpose of this compact is to promote effective
 12 prevention and control of forest fires in the Middle Atlantic
 13 region of the United States by the development of inte-
 14 grated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate
 15 forest fire fighting services by the member states, and by
 16 providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the
 17 compacting states of the region and with states which are
 18 party to other Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts
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21 "This compact shall become operative immediately as
 22 to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of
 23 the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsyl-
 24 vania, Virginia and West Virginia which are contiguous
 25 have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto.

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2 *“In each state, the state forester or officer holding the*
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5 *consult with like officials of the other member states and*
6 *shall implement cooperation between such states in forest fire*
7 *prevention and control.*

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9 *organize to coordinate the services of the member states and*
10 *provide administrative integration in carrying out the pur-*
11 *poses of this compact.*

12 *“The compact administrators shall formulate and, in*
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14 *forest fire plan for the member states.*

15 *“It shall be the duty of each member state to formulate*
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17 *such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest*
18 *fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by the*
19 *compact administrators.*

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21 *“Whenever the state forest fire control agency of a*
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23 *agency of any other member state in combating, controlling*
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25 *forest fire control agency of that state to render all possible*

1 aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the
2 maintenance of protection at home.

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4 "Whenever the forces of any member state are render-
5 ing outside aid pursuant to the request of another member
6 state under this compact, the employees of such state shall,
7 under the direction of the officers of the state to which they
8 are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power
9 of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as com-
10 parable employees of the state to which they are rendering
11 aid.

12 "No member state or its officers or employees rendering
13 outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on
14 account of any act or omission on the part of such forces
15 while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or
16 use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith.

17 "All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter,
18 that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state
19 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a
20 third state on account of or in connection with a request for
21 aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

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21 for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this
22 article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

23 “ARTICLE VI

24 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to authorize
25 or permit any member state to curtail or diminish its forest

1 fire fighting forces, equipment, services or facilities, and it
2 shall be the duty and responsibility of each member state to
3 maintain adequate forest fire fighting forces and equipment
4 to meet demands for forest fire protection within its borders
5 in the same manner and to the same extent as if this com-
6 pact were not operative.

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10 forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of
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 15 governor of such state takes action to withdraw therefrom.
 16 Such action shall not be effective until six months after notice
 17 thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the state
 18 desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then
 19 parties to the compact."

20 SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact,
 21 the consent of Congress is given to any State to become
 22 a party to it in accordance with its terms.

23 SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act
 24 is expressly reserved.

A BILL

Granting the consent and approval of Congress
to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest
Fire Protection Compact.

By Mr. DUFF, Mr. MARTIN of Pennsylvania,
Mr. ROBERTSON, Mr. BYRD, Mr. WILLIAMS,
Mr. CASE of New Jersey, Mr. SMITH of New
Jersey, Mr. BUTLER, Mr. BEALL, and Mr.
KILGORE

JANUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Agriculture and Forestry

JUNE 7 (legislative day, JUNE 4), 1956

Reported with amendments

[Referred to Committee]

A BILL

TO AMEND THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PASSED IN 1907, IN RELATION TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

SECTION 1. The act to amend the acts of the general assembly of the state of New York, passed in 1907, in relation to the registration of voters, is amended to read as follows:

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HIGHLIGHTS: House passed mutual security bill. Senate passed bills to: Extend emergency credit to farmers and stockmen. Extend date for tobacco quota. Ready for President. Pay expenses of soil-water conservation advisory committee. Continue ACP. Authorize feeding of CCC grain to waterfowl. Repeal FFMC authority to issue bonds. Approve interstate forest fire compact. Require census data on class of farm. Amend penal provisions of CCC Charter Act. Eliminate requirement for notice of animal quarantine. Both Houses agreed to conference report on State-Justice appropriation bill. Ready for President. Senate committee reported (June 8) public works appropriation bill. Rep. Hope introduced bill to authorize certain point-of-order items.

HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Passed with amendments H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill, by a vote of 275 to 122. p. 9012 (For provisions of interest to this Department, see Digests 89 and 95.)
2. APPROPRIATIONS. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 10721, the State, Justice, and Judiciary appropriation bill for 1957. pp. 8975, 9059. The House agreed to the Senate amendment providing certain administrative funds for the Passamaquoddy Tidal Power project. This bill is now ready for the President.
3. MONOPOLIES. Passed with amendment H. R. 1840, to strengthen the Robinson-Patman Act and amend the antitrust law prohibiting price discrimination (p. 9013). Agreed to an amendment by Rep. Patman to substitute the title and preamble of H. R. 11, a similar bill, for the title of H. R. 1840 (p. 9041).
4. TEXTILE IMPORTS. Rep. Flynt inserted a telegram to the Tariff Commission urging that the peril point and escape clause provisions of the Trade Agreements Act be invoked on certain imported textile products to protect the domestic textile industry. p. 9061

5. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Radwan urged that construction of power facilities be started as soon as possible and that the ownership of the plant be settled while the power facility is being constructed. p. 9062
6. FLOOD CONTROL. Both Houses received from the Budget Bureau certain plans for works of improvement under sec. 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act; to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. pp. 8926, 9063
7. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 7726, to authorize the construction of the Crooked River Federal reclamation project, Ore. (H. Rept. 2305). p. 9063
8. LIBRARIES. The Health and Science Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11524, to establish a National Library of Medicine. p. D606

SENATE

9. TOBACCO. Passed without amendment H. R. 9475, to extend the time for announcing marketing quotas for tobacco, except flue-cured tobacco, from November 30 to January 31 of each year. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 8961
10. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported S. 3559, to extend for 2 years the act of Aug. 31, 1954, authorizing emergency loans to farmers and stockmen, and to increase the limitation from \$15 million to \$50 million. p. 8960
Passed as reported S. 2530, to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds, permit the Corporation to use amounts received annually from the bulk sale of its assets to the Federal land banks to pay its costs of liquidation, and require the remaining stock of the Corporation to be paid into the Treasury. p. 8963
11. RESEARCH LANDS. Passed with amendment S. 3344, to authorize this Department to convey to Alaska a land tract at Sitka which was formerly used for experimental purposes. Agreed to an amendment by Sen. Morse consisting of a reverter clause. p. 8961
12. SOIL-WATER CONSERVATION. Passed without amendment S. 3314, to authorize payment of the expenses of the Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation. p. 8962
13. AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM. Passed without amendment S. 3120, to continue for 2 years (through Dec. 31, 1959) Federal administration of this Program. p. 8962
14. LAND EXCHANGE. Passed without amendment S. 2585, to authorize exchange of a land tract at the Beltsville Research Center. p. 8962
15. CCC GRAIN. Passed H. R. 7641, to authorize Interior Department use of CCC grain to feed waterfowl, with an amendment to substitute the language of S. 2732 as reported. p. 8962
16. FORESTRY. Passed as reported S. 3032, to approve the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact. p. 8964
17. CENSUS. Passed as reported S. 3145, to require the Census Bureau to develop farm income data by economic class of farm. p. 8966

prevention of waterfowl depredations, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, the bill just announced as being next in order was introduced by the Senator from Oregon [Mr. NEUBERGER]. A house bill involving the same subject is now before the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from further consideration of House bill 7641, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the Federal and non-Federal agencies in the prevention of waterfowl depredations, and for other purposes.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Louisiana? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. ELLENDER. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the House bill.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the House bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 7641) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with Federal and non-Federal agencies in the prevention of waterfowl depredations, and for other purposes.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause in H. R. 7641 be stricken, and that the language of the Senate bill, as amended by the committee amendment, be substituted.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be stated.

THE LEGISLATIVE CLERK. It is proposed to strike all after the enacting clause of the House bill and insert the following:

That, for the purpose of preventing crop damage by migratory waterfowl, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall make available to the Secretary of the Interior such wheat, corn, or other grains, acquired through price support operations and certified by the Commodity Credit Corporation to be available for purposes of this act or in such condition through spoilage or deterioration as not to be desirable for human consumption, as the Secretary of the Interior shall requisition pursuant to section 2 hereof. With respect to any grain thus made available, the Commodity Credit Corporation may pay packaging, transporting, handling, and other charges up to the time of delivery to one or more designated locations in each State.

SEC. 2. Upon a finding by the Secretary of the Interior that any area in the United States is threatened with damage to farmers' crops by migratory waterfowl, whether or not during the open season for such migratory waterfowl, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to requisition from the Commodity Credit Corporation and to make available to Federal, State, or local governmental bodies or officials, or to private organizations or persons, such grain acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation through price-support operations in such quantities and subject to such regulations as the Secretary determines will most effectively lure migratory waterfowl away from crop depredations and at the same time not expose such migratory waterfowl to

shooting over areas to which the waterfowl have been lured by such feeding programs.

SEC. 3. With respect to all grain made available pursuant to section 2, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of the Interior for its expenses in packaging and transporting such grain for purposes of this act.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for its investment in the grain transferred pursuant to this act.

SEC. 5. No grain shall be made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation under this act after the expiration of 3 years following its enactment.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point an explanation of H. R. 7641, as it has just been amended.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXPLANATION OF H. R. 7641, AS AMENDED

The bill, with the Senate amendment, permits grain acquired through price-support operations to be used to lure migratory waterfowl from crop depredations. The grain would be requisitioned by the Secretary of the Interior from the Commodity Credit Corporation and made available by him to Federal, State, and local agencies or individuals. It would be effective only for 3 years following its enactment.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment of the amendment and the third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time and passed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, S. 2732 is indefinitely postponed.

THEFT OR CONVERSION OF THE SECURITY FOR PRICE SUPPORT LOANS—BILL PASSED TO FOOT OF CALENDAR

The bill (S. 3669) to amend the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act was announced as next in order.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, inasmuch as we have no committee report on the bill, I ask that it go over.

Mr. ELLENDER. I have a report on the bill.

Mr. PURTELL. We had no report on the bill until 12 o'clock, when we concluded our study of calendar bills. A report has been handed to us at this moment, but we have had no chance to study it.

Mr. ELLENDER. The bill is a very simple one. It merely amends the criminal law dealing with willful theft or conversion of property owned by or pledged to the Commodity Credit Corporation by extending the law to cover property pledged to secure obligations which the Corporation has guaranteed or is obligated to purchase and by reducing the offense to a misdemeanor where the

value of the property involved is \$500 or less.

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, I ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar, in the hope that before we reach the consideration of bills placed at the foot of the calendar we will have an opportunity to study the report.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed at the foot of the calendar.

FEDERAL FARM MORTGAGE CORPORATION LIQUIDATION PROCEDURE

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2530) to repeal the authority of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue bonds, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, with amendments, on page 1, after the enacting clause, to strike out "That the provision contained in the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1955, under the heading 'Title IV, Farm Credit Administration' (68 Stat. 318), authorizing the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to issue and have outstanding at any one time bonds in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$500,000,000, is hereby repealed."

And, in lieu thereof, to insert "That after the enactment of this act, the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation shall not issue any bonds under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation act, as amended (48 Stat. 345, section 14, 48 Stat. 647; 12 U. S. C. 1020c)."

On page 2, line 12, after the numeral "3," to strike out "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any mineral rights of such Corporation which remain in the Corporation on the date of enactment of this act shall be transferred immediately to the Secretary of the Interior", and insert "The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation shall pay into the general fund of the Treasury, the amount of any capital stock in the Corporation which is owned by the United States upon the enactment of this act"; so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That after the enactment of this act, the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation shall not issue any bonds under the provisions of section 4 (a) of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation Act, as amended (48 Stat. 345, sec. 14, 48 Stat. 647; 12 U. S. C. 1020c).

SEC. 2. During each calendar year, beginning with the calendar year in which this act is enacted, the costs incurred in connection with the liquidation of such Corporation shall be deducted from the amounts received from the Federal land banks on account of the sale or transfer to them of assets of such Corporation, and the balance then remaining shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 3. The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation shall pay into the general fund of the Treasury the amount of any capital stock in the Corporation which is owned by the United States upon the enactment of this act.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point an explanation of S. 2530.

There being no objection, the explanation was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

This bill deals with liquidation of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation. With the committee amendments, it would—

1. Terminate the Corporation's authority to issue bonds;
2. Permit the Corporation to use amounts received annually from the bulk sale of its assets to the Federal land banks to pay its costs of liquidation, thereby obviating the need for appropriations for that purpose; and
3. Require the remaining stock of the Corporation to be paid into the Treasury.

The committee amendments (1) revise the first section so that it will be effective to carry out its purpose of terminating the Corporation's authority to issue bonds; (2) provide for payment into the Treasury of the \$10,000 representing the remaining stock in the Corporation; and (3) strike out section 3 of the bill, which provides for the immediate transfer of mineral interests to the Secretary of the Interior. Section 3 of the bill, as introduced, was inconsistent with Public Law 760, 81st Congress, which provides for the sale of such interests to the surface owners upon application until September 6, 1957, and for their transfer to the Secretary of the Interior thereafter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

CONSENT TO MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3032) granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, with amendments, on page 2, at the beginning of line 1, to strike out:

"MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

"Article I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the Middle Atlantic region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member States, by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting States of the region and with States which are party to other regional forest fire protection compacts or agreements, and for more adequate forest protection.

"Article II

"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those States ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any State not mentioned in this article which is contiguous with any member State may become a party to this compact, subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member States.

"Article III

"In each State, the State forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that State and shall consult with like officials of the other member States and shall implement coopera-

tion between such States in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member States shall coordinate the services of the member States and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"There shall be established an advisory committee of legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry or forest products industries representatives which shall meet from time to time with the compact administrators. Each member State shall name one Member of the Senate and one Member of the House of Representatives who shall be designated by that State's commission on interstate cooperation, or if said commission cannot constitutionally designate the said Members, they shall be designated in accordance with laws of that State; and the governor of each member State shall appoint two representatives, one of whom shall be associated with forestry or forest products industries to comprise the membership of the advisory committee. Action shall be taken by a majority of the compacting States, and each State shall be entitled to one vote.

"The compact administrators shall formulate and, in accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional forest-fire plan for the member States.

"It shall be the duty of each member State to formulate and put in effect a forest-fire plan for that State and take such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest-fire plan with the regional forest-fire plan formulated by the compact administrators.

"Article IV

"Whenever the State forest-fire control agency of a member State requests aid from the State forest-fire control agency of any other member State in combating, controlling, or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the State forest-fire control agency of that State to render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

"Article V

"Whenever the forces of any member State are rendering outside aid pursuant to the request of another member State under this compact, the employees of such State shall, under the direction of the officers of the State to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as comparable employees of the State to which they are rendering aid.

"No member State or its officers or employees rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance, or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as relieving any person from liability for his own negligent act or omission, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omission upon any State.

"All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter, that may arise either under the laws of the requested State or under the laws of the aiding State or under the laws of a third State on account of or in connection with a request for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting State.

"Any member State rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the member State receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages, salaries, and subsistence of employees and maintenance of equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Provided*, That

nothing herein contained shall prevent any assisting member State from assuming such loss, damage, expense, or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from donating such service to the receiving Member State without charge or cost.

"Each member State shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured employees and the representatives of deceased employees in case employees sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such State.

"For the purposes of this compact the term 'employee' shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included within the forest-fire fighting forces of the aiding State under the laws thereof.

"The compact administrators shall formulate procedures for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this article, in accordance with the laws of the member States.

"Article VI

"Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution of the forest-fire fighting forces, equipment, services, or facilities of any member State.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any State ratifying the same to provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of State laws, rules, or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control, and extinguishment in such State.

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"The compact administrators may request the United States Forest Service to act as a research and coordinating agency of the Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies in each State, and the United States Forest Service may accept responsibility for preparing and presenting to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of any Federal agency engaged in forest fire prevention and control may attend meetings of the compact administrators.

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"The provisions of articles IV and V of this compact which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling or preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any State party to this compact and any other State which is party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other State shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of this compact.

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"This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each State ratifying it until the legislature or the Governor of such State, as the laws of such State shall provide, takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 6 months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the State desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all States then parties to the compact."

And, in lieu thereof, to insert:

"MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

"Article I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of

forest fires in the Middle Atlantic region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member States, and by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting States of the region and with States which are party to other regional forest fire protection compacts or agreements.

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"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those States ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto.

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"In each State, the State forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that State and shall consult with like officials of the other member States and shall implement cooperation between such States in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member States shall organize to coordinate the services of the member States and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"The compact administrators shall formulate and, in accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional forest fire plan for the member States.

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"Whenever the State forest fire control agency of a member State requests aid from the State forest fire control agency of any other member State in combating, controlling or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the State forest fire control agency of that State to render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

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On page 13, after line 19, to strike out:

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given

to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

And, at the beginning of line 23, to change the section number from "3" to "2", so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact, as hereinafter set out. Such compact reads as follows:

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SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is expressly reserved.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point a short explanation of S. 3032.

There being no objection, the explanation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

This bill grants the consent of Congress to a compact for cooperation in preventing and suppressing forest fires among Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Somewhat similar compacts have been approved by Congress for the northeastern, southeastern, and south central regions.

The committee amendments make technical corrections in the bill. As introduced the bill set out the compact (which has already been agreed to by three of the States) incorrectly, and provided for consent of Congress to additional States to become parties to the compact. The committee amendments set out the compact correctly and, since the compact itself does not provide for additional States becoming parties to it, the section giving congressional consent to such States is stricken.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

NOTICE UNDER ANIMAL QUARANTINE LAWS—BILL PLACED AT FOOT OF CALENDAR

The bill (S. 3046) to amend the act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, and the act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1264), as amended, to eliminate the requirement of certain notices thereunder, and for other purposes, was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. PURTELL. Mr. President, in view of the fact that we have no report on the bill, I ask that it go over.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I wonder whether we could have the bill go to the foot of the calendar. We now have the report on it. It is a very short bill.

Mr. PURTELL. We have just now been handed a copy of the report. Let me make it perfectly clear that at this point we are objecting to the bill only because we have no report on it. That is in accordance with the policy of our calendar committee. Between now and the time the Senate considers bills passed to the foot of the Calendar we shall try to study the bill and the report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Connecticut ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar?

Mr. PURTELL. Yes; with the understanding that we shall read the report on the bill, which is a brief bill.

Mr. ELLENDER. The bill would save the Government some money in advertising fees, by providing that notices under the animal quarantine laws shall be published in the Federal Register, instead of in newspapers and by written notice to individuals. I hope we can take it up later when we consider bills placed at the foot of the calendar.

Mr. PURTELL. We hope so also.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed at the foot of the calendar.

FARM INCOME DATA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3145) to require the Bureau of the Census to develop farm income data by economic class of farm, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with amendments at the beginning of line 6, to change the section number from "146" to "147", and at the beginning of line 7, to strike out "In conducting current population surveys, the Secretary shall include and publish" and insert "The Secretary shall collect", so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted etc., That subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 13 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section as follows:

"§ 147. Farm income data: The Secretary shall collect annually money and nonmoney income data relating to per capita and family farm income by economic class of farm."

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an explanation of S. 3145 be printed in the RECORD, at this point.

There being no objection, the explanation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

This bill requires the annual collection of money and nonmoney farm income data by economic class of farm. It is hoped that this information will be of great use to the Congress and to the executive branch, as well as others, in determining farm policies. The committee amendments would permit the Bureau of the Census to use the most efficient available method of collecting the required data, permit it to withhold its publication if it does not appear sufficiently reliable, and correct the section designation. The bill contemplates, of course, that the data would be published as soon as reliable data is developed.

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a statement I have prepared in support of the bill be printed in the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

BY SENATOR WATKINS

Income statistics which lump all classes of farms together are not adequate guides for the formulation of public agricultural policies, as I shall discuss in more detail in a moment.

The Congress must have at its disposal more meaningful, reliable, and current agri-

S. 3032

JUNE 13, 1956

AN ACT

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3 That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given
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9 state desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states
10 then parties to the compact."

11 SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act
12 is expressly reserved.

Passed the Senate June 11, 1956.

Attest: FELTON M. JOHNSTON,
Secretary.

AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress
to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest
Fire Protection Compact.

JUNE 13, 1956

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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HOUSE

1. THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ordered reported the following bills: p. D662
 - H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days.
 - H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga.
 - H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children, whether or not under-privileged.
 - H. R. 609, to extend the provisions of the Federal Import Milk Act to Alaska.
 - H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959.
 - H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska.
 - H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah.
 - H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases.
 - H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain USDA lands to Corbin, Ky.

S. 3032, to approve the proposed Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

S. 2517, to release from escrow certain timber sale receipts in the Tongass National Forest.

S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act.

S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions.

2. FISHERIES. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee ordered reported H. R. 11570, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fisheries and wildlife and create and establish in the Interior Department, the office of Undersecretary of Fisheries and Wildlife. p. D663
 3. POSTAL SERVICE. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee ordered reported S. 1871, to provide for the reimbursement to the Post Office Department of fees for registration of Government mail. p. D664
 4. ROADS. The conferees agreed to file a conference report on H. R. 10660, the road construction and revenue bill. p. D665
 5. PUBLIC DEBT. Passed without amendment H. R. 11740, to increase the public debt limit by \$3 billion for the fiscal year 1957. p. 9716
 6. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME. The D. C. Committee ordered reported S. 3295, to authorize extension of the period of daylight-saving time in D. C. until October. p. D662
 7. TRADE FAIRS. The Foreign Affairs Committee ordered reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S. World Trade Fair of 1957. p. D663
 8. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public (H. Rept. 2410). p. 9720
 9. FOREIGN AID. Rep. Johansen criticized the continuation of foreign aid and urged a reappraisal of the entire foreign aid program. p. 9717
 10. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. Rep. McCormack announced the following schedule for the week of June 25: Mon., D. C. bills; the balance of the week, the veterans' compensation increase bill, the Federal aid school construction bill, the conference reports on the public works appropriation bill, the road bill, and the Labor-HEW appropriation bill. p. 9715
 11. ADJOURNED until Mon., June 25. p. 9719
- SENATE
12. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nominations of David A. Hamil to be REA Administrator; and Glenn A. Boger to be a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board. pp. 9660, 9709
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HIGHLIGHTS: House agreed to conference reports on Export Control Act and Defense Production Act extensions. Ready for President. House received conference report on Defense Department appropriation bill. House committee reported bills to authorize Cache National Forest land purchases, and grant Congressional consent to Middle Atlantic forest fire protection compact. House committee reported fisheries bill. Senate debated mutual security bill. Senate passed military construction bill. Senate committee ordered area redevelopment bill reported.

HOUSE

1. EXPORT CONTROL. Agreed to the conference report on H. R. 9052, to extend the Export Control Act of 1949 for 2 years. p. 10081 This bill is now ready for the President.
2. DEFENSE PRODUCTION. Agreed to the conference report on H. R. 9852, to extend the Defense Production Act of 1950, by a vote of 200 to 197. pp. 10081, 10082, 10084. This bill is now ready for the President.
3. APPROPRIATIONS. Received the conference report on H. R. 10986, the Defense Department appropriation bill for 1957 (H. Rept. 2529). p. 10083
4. FORESTS. The Agriculture Committee reported the following bills: pp. 10113, 10114
H. R. 8898, with amendment, to provide an additional authorization of appropriations for the purchase by the USDA of lands in the Cache National Forest, Utah (H. Rept. 2504).
S. 3032, without amendment, to approve the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (H. Rept. 2517).
Rep. Saylor was excused as a conferee and Rep. Pillion was appointed as a conferee on H. R. 6376, to provide for the hospitalization and care of the

mentally ill in Alaska, including a grant of not to exceed 1 million acres of public lands to assist in carrying out the program (includes lands eliminated from national forests). p. 10092

5. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. Began debate on H. R. 7535, to authorize Federal assistance to the States and local communities in financing an expanded program of school construction so as to eliminate the national shortage of classrooms. p. 10092
 6. RESEARCH; ORGANIZATION. The Armed Services Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11575, to provide for an Assistant Secretary for Research and Development for each of the three military departments within the Defense Department (H. Rept. 2506). p. 10114
 7. PERSONNEL. The Foreign Affairs Committee reported with amendment S. 2569, to provide the State Department with certain basic authority relating to printing and binding outside the U. S., transportation and travel allowances for Foreign Service Officers, and certain household administration in connection with the activities of the State Department (H. Rept. 2508). p. 10114
 8. INFORMATION; FAIRS. The Foreign Affairs Committee reported with amendment the following: p. 10114
S. 3116, to provide for the promotion and strengthening of international relations through cultural and athletic exchanges and participation in international fairs and festivals (H. Rept. 2509).
H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S. World Trade Fair to be held in N. Y., N. Y. from April 14 - 27, 1957 (H. Rept. 2518).
 9. FOREIGN TRADE. Rep. Philbin commended the President for his action in the relief of the linen toweling industry by placing certain tariff increases on that item, and further indicated that this demonstrated an awareness by the Executive of the plight of the textile industry. p. 10111
 10. FISHERIES. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11570, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fisheries and wildlife; to strengthen the fisheries and wildlife segments of the national economy, and to create and establish within the Interior Department the office of Under Secretary of Fisheries and Wildlife, a Fisheries Service and Wildlife Service (H. Rept. 2519). p. 10114
 11. CONTRACTS. Rep. Cooper requested and received permission for the Ways and Means Committee to file by midnight Sat. a report on H. R. 11947, to amend and extend the Renegotiation Act of 1951. p. 10081
 12. TRANSPORTATION. The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee ordered reported H. R. 525, which would amend Sec. 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act by eliminating authorization for handling property free or at reduced rates for the U. S. and transporting persons for the U. S. Government free or at reduced rates. p. D705
- SENATE
13. FOREIGN AID. Continued debate on H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill (pp. 10125, 10152, 10187). Rejected, by a vote of 43 to 45, an amendment by Sen. Young to limit the importation of agricultural commodities which are in surplus supply when no quantitative import limitations are in effect (p. 10166), and,

CONSENTING TO MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

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Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3032]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3032) granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to grant the consent of Congress to a compact for cooperation in preventing and suppressing forest fires among Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The compact has been worked out by representatives of the States concerned and, the committee is informed, has been ratified by the legislatures of four of the States subject to the approval of Congress, as required by the Constitution. This bill would grant such approval.

The purpose of this compact, and others like it which are already in operation, is to make advance plans for cooperation between the States in preventing and suppressing forest fires and to delineate areas of action and responsibility so that when the necessity arises all preliminary steps to active cooperation will have been taken.

Similar compacts have previously been approved by Congress for the following areas: Northeastern—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York. Southeastern—Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida. South Central—Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas.

Hearings were held by this committee on four identical House bills: H. R. 9567, by Mr. Thompson of New Jersey, H. R. 9775, by Mr. McDowell of Delaware, H. R. 10084 by Mr. Rodino of New Jersey,

2 CONSENT TO INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

and H. R. 10373 by Mr. Kelley of Pennsylvania. All are identical with S. 3032 reported herewith.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

Following is the letter from the Department of Agriculture recommending enactment of the identical bill, H. R. 9567:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., May 1, 1956.

Hon. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COOLEY: This is in reply to your requests of March 7 and February 23 for reports on H. R. 9567 and H. R. 9417, respectively, bills granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

We favor enactment of either H. R. 9567 or H. R. 9417 if the latter bill is amended so that it is identical with H. R. 9567 inasmuch as this bill has been ratified by three member States, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

These bills would grant approval of Congress to a compact by certain Middle Atlantic States to obtain cooperation in preventing and suppressing forest fires. It would provide for individual State fire plans and an integrated regional fire plan. Compact administrators, the State forester or comparable official from each State, would coordinate the services of member States and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact. The State requesting aid would be required to assume costs of States rendering aid. Each State would have to assume its own liability for injury and death benefits. Article VII would authorize the compact administrators to request the Forest Service to act as the research and coordinating agency of the compact, and the Forest Service may accept with initial responsibility in preparing and presenting recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. The bill would not affect existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between any Federal agency and member State or States.

The interstate compact proposed in H. R. 9567 and H. R. 9417 would be helpful in attaining greater protection against losses from forest fires in the member States and would not obligate the Department except as it accepted responsibilities under article VII. Such responsibility could be accepted under existing authority and without additional direct Federal expenditures.

The differences between H. R. 9567 and H. R. 9417 are not of significance to this Department. However, enactment of H. R. 9417 unless amended so that it contains the same language as H. R. 9567, would require reconsideration by the three States which have ratified H. R. 9567.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Acting Secretary.

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AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given
4 to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection
5 Compact, as hereinafter set out. Such compact reads as
6 follows:

7 “MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE
8 PROTECTION COMPACT

9 “ARTICLE I

10 “The purpose of this compact is to promote effective
11 prevention and control of forest fires in the Middle Atlantic

1 region of the United States by the development of inte-
2 grated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate
3 forest fire fighting services by the members states, and by
4 providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the
5 compacting states of the region and with states which are
6 party to other Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts
7 or agreements.

8 "ARTICLE II

9 "This compact shall become operative immediately as
10 to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of
11 the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsyl-
12 vania, Virginia and West Virginia which are contiguous
13 have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto.

14 "ARTICLE III

15 "In each state, the state forester or officer holding the
16 equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control
17 shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall
18 consult with like officials of the other member states and
19 shall implement cooperation between such states in forest
20 fire prevention and control.

21 "The compact administrators of the member states shall
22 organize to coordinate the services of the member states and
23 provide administrative integration in carrying out the pur-
24 poses of this compact.

1 “The compact administrators shall formulate and, in
2 accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional
3 forest fire plan for the member states.

4 “It shall be the duty of each member state to formulate
5 and put in effect a forest fire plan for that state and take
6 such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest
7 fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by the
8 compact administrators.

9 "ARTICLE IV

10 “Whenever the state forest fire control agency of a
11 member state requests aid from the state forest fire control
12 agency of any other member state in combating, controlling
13 or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the state
14 forest fire control agency of that state to render all possible
15 aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the
16 maintenance of protection at home.

17 "ARTICLE V

18 “Whenever the forces of any member state are render-
19 ing outside aid pursuant to the request of another member
20 state under this compact, the employees of such state shall,
21 under the direction of the officers of the state to which they
22 are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power
23 of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as com-
24 parable employees of the state to which they are rendering
25 aid.

1 “No member state or its officers or employees rendering
2 outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on
3 account of any act or omission on the part of such forces
4 while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or
5 use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith.

6 “All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter,
7 that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state
8 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a
9 third state on account of or in connection with a request for
10 aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

11 “Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to
12 this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state receiv-
13 ing such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred
14 in the operation of any equipment answering a request for
15 aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages,
16 salaries, and maintenance of employees and equipment in-
17 curred in connection with such request: *Provided*, that
18 nothing herein contained shall prevent any assisting member
19 state from assuming such loss, damage, expense or other
20 cost or from loaning such equipment or from donating such
21 services to the receiving member state without charge or
22 cost.

23 “Each member state shall provide for the payment of
24 compensation and death benefits to injured employees and
25 the representatives of deceased employees in case employees

1 sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid
2 pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the
3 same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within
4 such state.

5 “For the purposes of this compact the term employee
6 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included
7 within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under
8 the laws thereof.

9 “The compact administrators shall formulate procedures
10 for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this
11 article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

12 “ARTICLE VI

13 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to authorize
14 or permit any member state to curtail or diminish its forest
15 fire fighting forces, equipment, services or facilities, and it
16 shall be the duty and responsibility of each member state to
17 maintain adequate forest fire fighting forces and equipment
18 to meet demands for forest fire protection within its borders
19 in the same manner and to the same extent as if this com-
20 pact were not operative.

21 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit
22 or restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to
23 provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of
24 forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of

1 state laws, rules, or regulations intended to aid in such pre-
2 vention, control, and extinguishment in such state.

3 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any
4 existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement
5 between the United States Forest Service and a member
6 state or states.

7 “ARTICLE VII

8 “The compact administrators may request the United
9 States Forest Service to act as the primary research and
10 coordinating agency of the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest
11 Fire Protection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate
12 agencies in each State, and the United States Forest Service
13 may accept the initial responsibility in preparing and pre-
14 senting to the compact administrators its recommendations
15 with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of
16 the United States Forest Service may attend meetings of
17 the compact administrators.

18 “ARTICLE VIII

19 “The provisions of Articles IV and V of this compact
20 which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling, or
21 preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any
22 state party to this compact and any other state which is
23 party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another
24 region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other state

1 shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of
2 this compact.

3 "ARTICLE IX

4 "This compact shall continue in force and remain bind-
5 ing on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the
6 governor of such state takes action to withdraw therefrom.
7 Such action shall not be effective until six months after
8 notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the
9 state desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states
10 then parties to the compact."

11 SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act
12 is expressly reserved.

Passed the Senate June 11, 1956.

Attest:

FELTON M. JOHNSTON,

Secretary.

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HIGHLIGHTS: House passed bills to: Permit USDA-State-local employee exchanges; authorize acquisition of additional lands in Cache National Forest; approve Middle Atlantic interstate forest fire compact; release certain Tongass Forest receipts from escrow; continue ACP authority; authorize transfer of certain ARS lands in Alaska; extend time for report on Government security program. House received conference report on bill to simplify accounting procedures and facilitate payment of obligations; House committee reported bill to improve budgeting and accounting methods. House agreed to Senate amendments to bill to merge intermediate credit banks and production credit associations. House received President's veto message on military construction measure; House committee reported bill to include cranberries for canning and freezing in Marketing Agreements Act. House committee reported bill to require conformance with State game laws on certain Federal lands. House committee reported USDA point-of-order bill. Sen. Ellender introduced bill to imple- (continued on page 7)

HOUSE

1. APPROPRIATIONS. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11682, to facilitate the control and eradication of certain animal diseases, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural and related programs, to facilitate the agricultural attache program, and to facilitate the operations of FHA, FCIC, and FS (H. Rept. 2732). p. 11795
2. PERSONNEL. Passed as reported S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of this Department and employees of State political subdivisions or educational institutions for a period not to exceed 2 years in duration. p. 11720
3. FORESTRY. Passed as reported H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah. p. 11721

Passed without amendment S. 3032, to approve the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Compact. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11726

Passed without amendment S. 2517, to provide for the release of certain Tongass National Forest timber receipts from escrow. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11731

4. SOIL CONSERVATION. Passed without amendment S. 3120, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959. This bill is ready for the President. A similar bill, H. R. 8321, was laid on the table. p. 11731
5. LAND TRANSFER. Passed without amendment S. 3344, to authorize the transfer of the Baranof Castle site (former research land) to the city of Sitka, Alaska. This bill is now ready for the President. A similar bill, H. R. 9678, was laid on the table. p. 11731
6. GOVERNMENT SECURITY. Passed without amendment S. J. Res. 182, to extend (until June 30, 1957) the time limit for the filing of a final report of the Commission on Government Security. This measure is now ready for the President. A similar measure, H. J. Res. 655, was laid on the table. p. 11733
7. ACCOUNTING. Received the conference report on H. R. 9593, to simplify accounting methods and facilitate the payment of obligations (H. Rept. 2726). p. 11786
The Government Operations Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11526, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures (H. Rept. 2734). p. 11795
8. FARM CREDIT. Agreed to the Senate amendments to H. R. 10285, to merge production credit corporations in Federal intermediate credit banks, to provide for retirement of Government capital in Federal intermediate credit banks, and to provide for supervision of production credit associations. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 11787
9. MARKETING. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8384, to extend the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, to cranberries for canning or freezing processing (H. Rept. 2721). p. 11795
10. WILDLIFE. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee reported with amendment H. R. 8250, to require conformance with State and Territorial fish and game laws and licensing requirements on Federal lands not subject to such laws (H. Rept. 2728). p. 11795
11. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION; SURPLUS COMMODITIES. Received the President's veto message on H. R. 9893, to authorize certain construction at military installations. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use for family housing in foreign countries, foreign currencies not to exceed \$250 million acquired pursuant to the provisions of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, or through other commodity transactions of the CCC (H. Doc. 450). p. 11788
12. RECORDS. Passed over, at the request of Rep. Cunningham, S. 2364, to further clarify GSA's jurisdiction over records management. p. 11716
13. TRADE FAIRS. Passed as reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the various States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S.

telegraphs, mines, oil wells, powerplants, elevators, packing houses, cold storage plants, and all industries operating on a national scale, should be taken over by the Nation." (1920 Socialist platform.)

"The control of electric power * * * will obviously carry with it the control of the industries of the Nation, the control of transportation, of mining and agriculture. * * * It will also dominate and determine very largely the domestic life of the people." (Carl D. Thompson, Socialist leader, 1925.)

"Our long-time aim is the abolition of the profit system for private use."

One good man with his eyes, ears, and wits about him inside the department * * * can do more to perfect the technic of control over industry than a hundred men outside.

A scattered series of great generating plants selling their power within 300-mile radiuses might be expected to have a very considerable influence upon the extension of public ownership to the transmission lines and the whole industry. (H. S. Raushenbush in the *Socialism of Our Times and the New Leader*.)

Many observers today are alarmed by the similarity between the utterances of Socialist proponents of public ownership and those of former Interior Department officials whose philosophy is revealed in these quotations:

"Federally owned public power developments include the basic multiple-purpose river structures and power generating and transmission facilities required to deliver the power to load centers." (Oscar L. Chapman, former Secretary of the Interior, in an address before the CIO in Chicago, Nov. 23, 1950.)

"The interest of the Secretary of the Interior is that of a competitor of VEPCO in the sale of power in the Roanoke River area." (Petition for rehearing, *U. S. A. v. Federal Power Commission and Virginia Electric & Power Co.*, U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Oct. 30, 1951.)

"The responsibility of the Department of the Interior does not end until the power has been made available to the consumer, preferably through public agencies or co-operatives." (William E. Warne, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior, before the American Public Power Association, March 28, 1950.)

All of these publications, as I read them, were opposed to the socialization of industry. They advocate that private industry has been rendering, can render, and in the future will continue to be able to render all of the services which are demanded and which are economically feasible to individuals who wish to purchase power and services from private industry.

So far as I have been able to learn and as the hearings to date have indicated, the power companies do not deny or attempt to avoid responsibility for any of these publications or the statements made therein.

They admit unequivocally that they are opposed to the socialization of the private power industry. That they are doing everything possible, everything which is morally or legally possible to counteract the socialistic trend. That being true, is it not a waste of time for a committee or for committee counsel at the hearings of a congressional committee to ask a multiplicity of questions attempting to fix responsibility for these publications or to obtain an itemized statement as to the cost or as to who wrote particular statements or paragraphs.

This morning there was almost endless questioning by the committee counsel in an endeavor to learn who paid for this, that, and the other service and how much each power company paid. Permit a repetition. The public power companies frankly admit that they made investigations, employed and paid experts, and put out literature and arguments and presented them to the Department of the Interior in an effort to obtain interpretations of the existing law, which would be favorable to them. In an effort to secure legislation, if they could, which would enable them to do more business and to make more money. That is frankly admitted.

As I understand it, under the Constitution and under our practices, methods, ways of legislating, they have the right to do just what they did.

I think to the desk of every single Member of this Congress every day there come propaganda from special groups and people who are interested in one particular thing. I know of no reason, of no law, and no practice which will stop it or which condemns the exercise of that right.

I cannot see why in the closing days of this session, any committee or subcommittee should be holding hearings and keeping the Members of the House off the floor when the sole purpose of the hearings is to create propaganda or, if you prefer, to ascertain facts, when no pertinent or relevant legislation whatsoever will come before this session of the Congress.

I do not want to make a point of no quorum, but it seems unfair to those of us who want to be here to take part in this legislative program to require us to attend subcommittee hearings or be absent from the floor.

The Clerk read the committee amendments as follows:

On page 1, strike out lines 3 through 9, and on page 2, strike out lines 1 through 18.

On page 2, strike out lines 19 and 20 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "That the second and third paragraphs of the first section of the act entitled 'An act for the creation of the American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials commemorating the services of the American soldier in Europe, and for other purposes', approved March 4, 1923 (42 Stat. 1509, as amended; 36 U. S. C. 121), are amended to read as follows."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11024) to amend the act entitled "An act relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska," approved March 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80) as amended by the act of July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 592, 48 U. S. C. 116a).

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

AMENDING SECTION 104, TITLE 4, UNITED STATES CODE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11254) to amend section 104, title 4, United States Code.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 104 of title 4, United States Code, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection, to be designated subsection (c) and to read as follows:

"(c) As used in this section, the term 'Territory' shall include Guam."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PROPOSED BARGE CANAL ACROSS FLORIDA

The Clerk called the resolution (H. J. Res. 413) to provide for the conveyance of federally owned lands which are situated within the right-of-way for the proposed navigable barge canal across Florida, to the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida, in order to consolidate ownership thereof.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas the lands hereinafter identified are located within the right-of-way for the proposed high level lock barge canal from the St. Johns River across Florida to the Gulf of Mexico, as approved by Congress in and by Public Law 675 of the 77th Congress; and Whereas, although title to said lands was taken in the name of the United States of America, the consideration for the acquisition thereof was furnished by the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida; and

Whereas large areas of other land within the right-of-way for said proposed barge canal are owned by the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida, a State agency created by the Legislature of the State of Florida for the purpose, among other things, of acquiring and holding lands for canal purposes; and

Whereas it is considered desirable to consolidate the ownership of all lands in the right-of-way in the said State agency, which furnished the consideration for the acquisition thereof, so that, pending such time as said right-of-way is needed for construction of the project, the management and control of said lands may be in said State agency: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, etc., That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to donate and convey to the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida all of the right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to—

(1) lands in Putnam County, Fla., acquired by the United States of America by condemnation proceedings instituted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Jacksonville Division, as case No. 356 U. S. J. Civil; and

(2) lands in Marion County, Fla., acquired by the United States of America by con-

demnation proceedings instituted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Ocala Division, as cases Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 22, U. S. Ocala Civil,

it being intended hereby to authorize and direct the conveyance of all lands acquired by the United States of America within the right-of-way of said proposed barge canal as described in all final judgments entered in the above-numbered several suits.

With the following committee amendment:

Page 3, line 9, insert:

"SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized herein shall be by quitclaim deed and shall contain such conditions, restrictions, and reservations as the Secretary deems necessary to assure that any improvements constructed thereon by the Government will be maintained and preserved and that the property will not be utilized in any manner that might increase the cost of the construction of the Cross Florida Barge Canal project or hinder the prompt reconveyance of the land to the Government when it is required for the construction of the project.

"SEC. 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as a waiver of the obligation of the Ship Canal Authority to furnish without cost to the United States, all lands, easements, and rights-of-way necessary for the construction of the canal; hold and save the United States free from damages due to construction works; and to take over, maintain, and operate all highways, bridges, and roadways built in connection with the canal project."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

The Clerk called the bill (S. 3032) granting the consent and approval of Congress to the middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to the middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact, as hereinafter set out. Such compact reads as follows:

"MIDDLE ATLANTIC INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE

"Article I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the middle Atlantic region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member States, and by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting States of the region and with States which are party to other regional forest fire protection compacts or agreements.

"Article II

"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those States ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto.

"Article III

"In each State, the State forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that State and shall consult with like officials of the other member States and shall implement cooperation between such States in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member States shall organize to coordinate the services of the member States and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"The compact administrators shall formulate and, in accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional forest fire plan for the member States.

"It shall be the duty of each member State to formulate and put in effect a forest fire plan for that State and take such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by the compact administrators.

"Article IV

"Whenever the State forest fire control agency of a member State requests aid from the State forest fire control agency of any other member State in combating, controlling, or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the State forest fire control agency of that State to render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

"Article V

"Whenever the forces of any member State are rendering outside aid pursuant to the request of another member State under this compact, the employees of such State shall, under the direction of the officers of the State to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as comparable employees of the State to which they are rendering aid.

"No member State or its officers or employees rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith.

"All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter, that may arise either under the laws of the requesting State or under the laws of the aiding State or under the laws of a third State on account of or in connection with a request for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting State.

"Any member State rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the member State receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages, salaries, and maintenance of employees and equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any assisting member State from assuming such loss, damage, expense, or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from donating such services to the receiving member State without charge or cost.

"Each member State shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured employees and the representatives of deceased employees in case employees sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such State.

"For the purposes of this compact the term employee shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included within the forest

fire fighting forces of the aiding State under the laws thereof.

"The compact administrators shall formulate procedures for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this article, in accordance with the laws of the member States.

"Article VI

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to authorize or permit any member State to curtail or diminish its forest fire fighting forces, equipment, services, or facilities, and it shall be the duty and responsibility of each member State to maintain adequate forest fire fighting forces and equipment to meet demands for forest fire protection within its borders in the same manner and to the same extent as if this compact were not operative.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any State ratifying the same to provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of State laws, rules, or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control, and extinguishment in such State.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between the United States Forest Service and a member State or States.

"Article VII

"The compact administrators may request the United States Forest Service to act as the primary research and coordinating agency of the middle Atlantic interstate forest fire protection compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies in each State, and the United States Forest Service may accept the initial responsibility in preparing and presenting to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of the United States Forest Service may attend meetings of the compact administrators.

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"This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each State ratifying it until the legislature or the governor of such State takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 6 months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the State desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all States then parties to the compact."

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is expressly reserved.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WORLD TRADE FAIR AND OKLAHOMA SEMICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Clerk called the resolution (H. J. Res. 604) authorizing the President to invite the States of the Union and foreign countries to participate in the United States World Trade Fair to be held in New York City, N. Y., from April 14 to April 27, 1957.

Public Law 790 - 84th Congress
Chapter 719 - 2d Session
S. 3032

AN ACT

All 70 Stat. 636.

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to the Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

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Middle Atlantic
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Compact.

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Approved July 25, 1956.

